

I. Amendment to the Claims

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 – 5, 8-13, 15-18 and 28 without prejudice, and amended claims 6, 14, 19, 23, and 27. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A piece of furniture comprising:

at least one leg;

a hollow receiver shaped to receive an end section of the at least one leg, wherein the hollow receiver comprises a first engagement element formed as a helical segment at least partially encircling an inside of the hollow receiver, and a first counter-engagement element formed on a respective outside of the end section of the leg;

wherein the first engagement element engages the first counter-engagement element for fixing the leg in place free of play;

wherein the receiver is formed as a separate insert fixed in place in a respectively matched recess in a socket member; and

wherein the insert engages the socket with a snap fit;

wherein the first engagement element and a second engagement element are formed as grooves and are located opposite each other offset by 180°, each of which has an insertion element extending in an axis-parallel direction, and

the first counter-engagement element and a second counter-engagement element are peg-shaped protrusions matched to the grooves of the respective first and second engagement elements;

wherein the receiver and the end section of the leg are correspondingly embodied to be conically tapering toward a free end of the end section and dimensioned so that the end section is introduced with play with respect to the receiver in the axial direction and is fixed in place by subsequent rotation, while supported free of play at a conical inside;

wherein the engagement elements and counter-engagement elements, as well as a dimensioning of the receiver and the end section are laid out so that, with the leg attached, an upper front side of the leg is supported on an upper inner surface of the receiver; and

~~The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 4,~~ wherein the socket member is a hollow profiled element which includes openings on an underside that are matched to an exterior cross section of the inserts.

7. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 6, wherein the insert is in one of a cup shape and a hat shape and is one of pressed and glued into the respective recess, riveted, and screwed from a top of the socket member.

8 - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A piece of furniture comprising:
at least one leg;
a hollow receiver shaped to receive an end section of the at least one leg,
wherein the hollow receiver comprises an engagement element formed as a helical segment at least partially encircling an inside of the hollow receiver, and a counter-engagement element formed on a respective outside of the end section of the leg;
wherein the engagement element engages the counter-engagement element for fixing the leg in place free of play;
wherein the receiver is formed as a separate insert fixed in place in a respectively matched recess in a socket member; and
wherein the insert engages the socket with a snap fit;
wherein the receiver is made of one of a plastic and a metal; and

~~The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 13,~~ wherein the socket member is a hollow profiled element which includes openings on an underside that are matched to an exterior cross section of the inserts.

15 - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A piece of furniture, comprising:

a leg comprising a pin extending radially outward on opposite sides of the leg;
a socket member;

a mounting component received in the socket member having a pair of opposed axial slots receiving portions of said pin extending radially from the leg, wherein the pin is moveable in the slots, such that the leg is axially moveable relative to the mounting component, wherein the mounting component further comprises a helical engagement member drawing the leg into the socket when the leg is rotated relative to the socket;

wherein the pin does not penetrate beyond an outer surface of the mounting component.

20. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture of claim 19, wherein the socket member is secured to an underside of a work surface on the piece of furniture.

21. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture of claim 19, wherein the mounting component is made of one of a plastic and a metal.

22. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture of claim 19, wherein the leg is a hollow tube.

23. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture of claim 20, wherein the socket member is one of pressed and glued into a mating recess in the piece of furniture.

24. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture of claim 20, wherein the axis of the mounting component is aligned obliquely upward and inward with respect to the work surface.

25. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture of claim 19 wherein the helical engagement member is a slot.

26. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture of claim 25 wherein the helical engagement member communicates with the axial slot.

27. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture of claim 26 wherein the pin travels in the axial slot and helical engagement member.

28. (Cancelled)